

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-223

Magi No. 2402235404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ashmeade House

2. Location

street & number 9 Bay Street not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Earnest O. Brittingham, Jr.

street & number 323 North Main Street telephone no.: 641-2704

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ashmeade house, situated on the north side of Bay Street is a gable-roofed, wood frame dwelling built in two sections. The front and principle section is 2½-story, gable-fronted, two by two bay, situated on a poured concrete foundation. It's size, roofline and fenestration are markedly similar to the Walker house, a probable Federal house adjacent on the west. Behind this lies a 1½-story, four by four bay section atop a block foundation.

The principle facade facing south features a flat-roofed verandah with half walls and flat-sided columns above. The entrance is in the right bay and contains a door with ten large glass panes arranged in a decorative pattern. The remaining bay is a double 3/1 window. Windows throughout the house are 3/1 except for a small single sash marking stairway on the west side and notably, the small 2/2 pair of windows in the gable end. These windows and surround molding are identical to the Walker house. On the gable side, the cornice is boxed with a beaded edge, and a frieze board with additional molding lies adjacent.

The interior of this house, as well as much of the exterior, is early 20th century in origin. The stairs are located on the west side, the entrance in the east bay so that no side hall floor plan is evident. Upstairs, however, there are two doors having six raised panels with molding similar if not identical to doors existing in documented Federal Berlin houses. In addition a door to the attic is beaded shiplap with a iron latch with brass knob; again, known to Federal Berlin houses.

The rear section, built atop a concrete foundation is of early 20th century origin.

To the rear of the house, two gable-roofed, wood shingle and frame outbuildings are situated. Both appear to rest on the ground. The larger, whose only opening is a wide shiplap door with imposing strap hinges, has a loft whose joists extend through the exterior wall. The inside is floored and walls covered with horizontally placed white washed boards. The smaller second building has window openings in the gable ends, decorative end boards and a shiplap door with strap hinges and iron hook closure. The gable sides have a deep boxed cornice overhang.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The site of the Ashmeade house on a street known to be the east/west road through Berlin in the 19th century as well as being located adjacent to the Walker house, together with the physical evidence of Federal details and early outbuildings, makes this property of great interest in the investigation of early 19th century Berlin. In the Sanborn maps of 1897 and 1904, the property is shown with the location of the outbuildings on the east side of the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Page Hammond

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city or town Berlin state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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